

Section 12: Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test

This Section Covers

- ✓ Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test Exercises
- ✓ Scoring For The Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test

The basic vehicle control skills test consists of four basic off-road exercises.

- ✓ Forward stop.
- ✓ Straight line backing.
- ✓ Alley dock.
- ✓ Right turn.

These exercises are shown in Figures 12-1 through 12-4.

12.1 Scoring

Crossing Boundaries

The examiner will score the number of times you touch or cross over an exercise boundary line or any part of a cone with any portion of your vehicle. Each encroachment will count as an error.

Pull-ups

In some of the exercises, the examiner will also score the number of times you stop your vehicle and change direction (or pull-up) during the exercise. Each pull-up will count as an error.

Final Positioning

At the end of each exercise, the examiner will assess how well your vehicle is positioned within the exercise boundaries.

Passing Score

Errors will be explained to you prior to the beginning of the exercises. The passing score for the basic vehicle control skills test segment is nine (9) or less errors.

12.2 Exercises

Forward stop

You will be asked to drive forward between two rows of cones and bring your vehicle to a complete stop as close as you can to the exercise boundary marked by an end line and a set of cones (without touching or going beyond the line or cones). You may only stop once, and you cannot open your door, lean out the window or stand up to improve your view. You will be scored on how close your vehicle finishes near the stop line at the end of the alley without touching or going beyond it. (See Figure 12-1.)

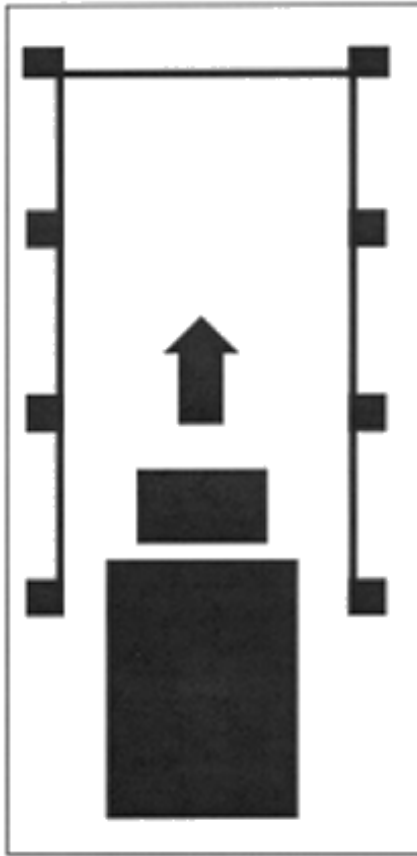


Figure 12 –1

Forward Stop

Remember, you must pass the pre-trip vehicle inspection and the basic vehicle control skills test before proceeding to the driving test.

Straight Line Backing

You will be asked to back your vehicle in a straight line between two rows of cones without touching or crossing over the exercise boundaries. You will be scored on the number of pull-ups and encroachments you make while backing your vehicle through the alley. (See Figure 12-2.)

Alley Dock

You will be asked to sight-side back your vehicle (from a 90- degree angle) into an alley, bringing the rear of your vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the alley without touching or crossing over any exercise boundary marked by a line or row of cones. (See Figure 12-3.)

Right Turn

You will be asked to drive forward and make a right turn around a cone, bringing the right rear wheel(s) of your vehicle as close as possible to the cone without touching or crossing over the foot of the cone with any part of your vehicle. The examiner scores the number of pull-ups, encroachments and the amount of clearance your vehicle has as your right rear wheel(s) pass by the cone. (See Figure 12-4.)

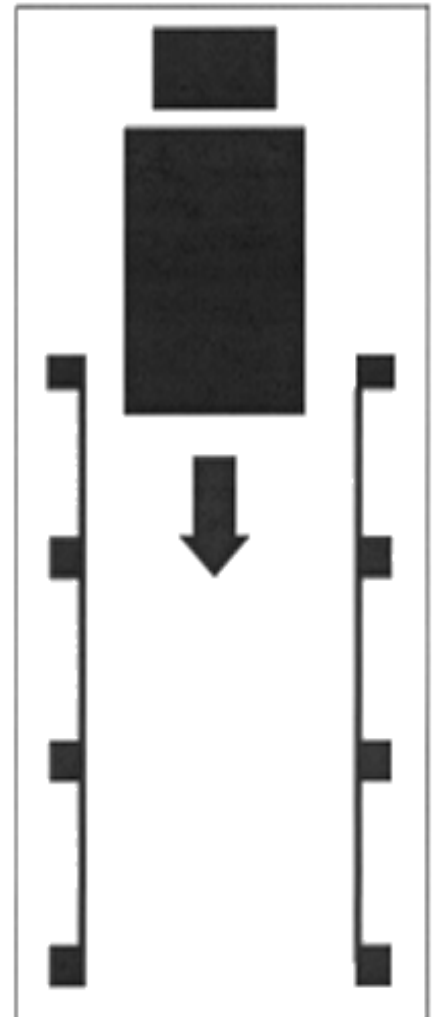


Figure 12-2
Straight Line Backing

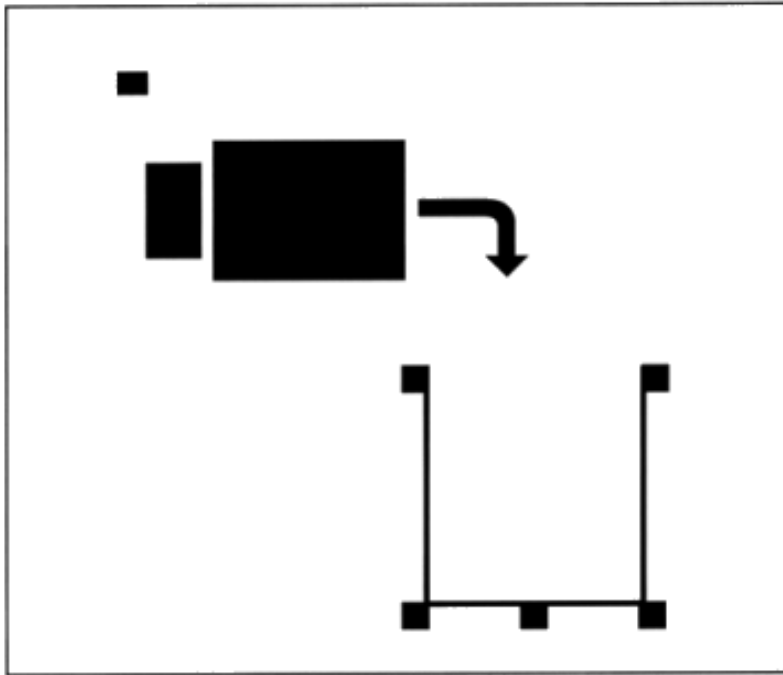


Figure 12 – 3
Alley Dock

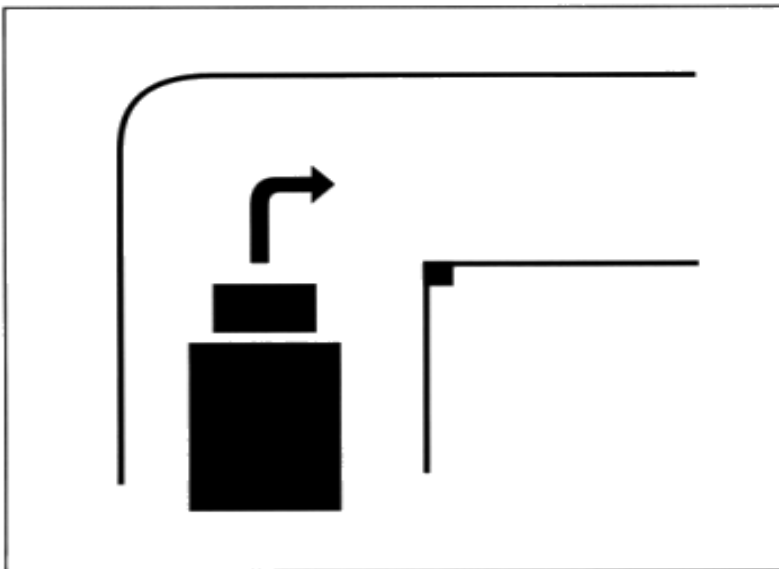


Figure 12 – 4
Right Turn

Alley Dock